Development of tourism in Northern States

750. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tourism Secretaries from Northern Region have decided to form a Joint Working Group to improve coordination between various States for developing the tourism industry and to formulate credible legal framework;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps are taken to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A Committee of Tourism Secretaries of the States of Northern Region have decided to constitute a Working Group to undertake the following activities jointly for development and promotion of tourism in the Northern Region:

- To bring out a calendar of events.
- To participate in the domestic and international festivals.
- To organise fame tours separately for industry and media.
- To hyperlink websites of State tourism departments with each other and Ministry of Tourism.
- To work out joint packages and market them.
- To train guides and travel industry personnel.

Cracks developed in Charminar, Hyderabad

751. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cracks have developed in the Charminar, historic monument of Hyderabad;